



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

1	Timely Information
2	Nets of Interest ACS/ARES Corner
3	Member Updates
4	The Marketplace
5	Simi Settlers' Leadership
6	Membership Form

The next **meeting** is at the
Simi Senior Center,
3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley.
Thursday January 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

The next **Pizza** Night is at
Toppers Pizza, 2408 Erringer Rd, Simi Valley
Thursday January 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Move the Sunday night net - **YES** to **447.640 UHF repeater** - **PL is 131.8 Hz**

What are you working on? Send us a picture and a few words.

January 2026

The January meeting will be a SWAP net.

Bring your stuff to the meeting, take somebody else's home.



The November 2025 meeting was a discussion of digital modes such as packet radio, winlink, APRS, FLDigi, and Vara FM.

We are going to continue this in February.

Care to bring your portable / mobile digital box to the meeting?

January 2026

A selection of NETS

Monday	Condor Connection (Plays Newsline)	7:00 PM	Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7
Tuesday	County ACS HF net	6:30 PM	Summer 7.242 +/- Winter 3.987 +/-
	ACS Area 1 - Simi Simplex net	6:45 PM	145.510 MHz Simplex
	ACS Area 1 - Simi Repeater net	7:00 PM	Simi Repeater 146.805 -0.6 MHz PL 100.0
	ATN-CA Net	7:30 PM	https://www.atn-tv.com
	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Wednesday	Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	28.34 MHz
	Mesh VOIP Net* Voice / video / data	8:00 PM	2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh
Thursday	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Saturday	SSARC SSB HF Net	8:30 AM	7.240 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter
	CW-QRP	9:00 AM	7.032 MHz
	Quad Squad net	1:00 PM	21.365 MHz
Sunday	The Newbie net	7:00 PM	Bozo Repeater 147.885 -0.6 MHz PL 127.3
	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
	SSARC 2 Meter Net**	8:30 PM	447.640 UHF repeater - PL is 131.8 Hz

Additional listings of **MORE** local nets can be found on the CVARC web site at: <http://www.cvarc.org>

* For more information, see <http://www.pvarc.club/mesh/mesh-applications/>

Our Sunday night net at 8:30 on 447.640 UHF repeater - PL is 131.8 Hz:

Jan	4	Matt	KN6SEC	/	11	Brian	KM6MIN
	18	Kevin	KD6UTC	/	25	Matt	N3AR

January 2026

ACS/ARES Corner

Frank Valdez KI6OQ is the Area 1 Emergency Coordinator

We are always looking for ACS members that would like to become Net Controllers. You will receive hands-on training at the Simi Valley PD (where we normally conduct the Weekly Net). It is both fun and at times challenging. You will gain valuable experience in running a controlled Net as well as becoming more than just familiar with the equipment in the Radio Room at the PD. If you would like to volunteer for this, just message Frank Valdez at frankki6oq@gmail.com.



The **Area 1** (Simi Valley) net occurs **Tuesdays**. Generally it is just a brief check in, but usually some news about upcoming events is passed on. **Stop by and say Hi.** You do not have to do anything other than check in to test out your simplex or repeater connection.

The Tuesday **HF net** during summer months is on 7.242 +/- at **6:30 PM**.

During the winter, it is back to 3.987 lower side band.

The Tuesday **simplex net** is on 145.510 at **6:45 PM**.

The Tuesday **repeater net** is on the 146.805 (-0.6 MHz, PL 100) repeater at **7:00 PM**.

NOTE: Please be advised that we hold the Tuesday **countywide** net at 19:30 (7:30PM) on the Sulphur Mountain WD6EBY repeater 145.200, minus 600 KHz offset, CTCSS of 127.3. Until further notice, this will be our standard frequency for countywide communications.

Visit vccomm.org for more updates.

For the Tuesday night nets:

6-Jan-26	Ron	K6RIN	County
13-Jan-26	Eric	KE6MLF	
20-Jan-26	Bill	AB6BW	
27-Jan-26	Dante	W6JCQ	

January 2026

Member Updates

SimiNorth Radio Site Update by Orv W6BI

Over the last month Donnie KJ6TTN and Kerwyn N6YHX completed the wiring to bring the solar system online at SimiNorth. We'll be adding the capability to do remote monitoring of the power system, but as of now the site is fully on solar + (humongous) battery, with Edison power as a backup and an "if all else fails" transfer switch for running the site off a generator. That completes the first of three planned projects for that site.

The second project is the addition of a second cabinet at the site. The concrete is poured and cured, and the cabinet itself is being stored by Eric KE6MLF. There are some additional bits and pieces to buy for its installation, but we hope to get it to the site and mounted in January, weather permitting.

The third project will be replacement of the tower. While the current tower is adequate, not only is it full, with no room for additional antennas, it doesn't have a proper base, being bolted to the side of the cabinet. Dave KM6FQ has generously donated a base and several sections of Rohn 45G tower as a replacement. Not only is it a sturdier tower, having the base section will allow us to mount it on a proper concrete base.

However, rebar and concrete have gotten considerably more expensive recently. So any money I make from sales at the January swap meet will go into the Repeater Fund jar and will go towards the rebar and concrete needed. Other donations to the Repeater Fund will also go towards offsetting those costs.

January 2026

Got Projects? by Eric KE6MLF

Care to borrow any tools, or need some parts?

Just ask, and I will give or loan for as long as you need it.

A lot of this stuff is from our SK tinkerer Jim KI6MZ.

Chips. Who does through hole **small scale logic** anymore? Any interest, I will bring them over and you can rummage.

Free



Chassis punches. I think these are standard sizes for EMT and Flex conduit fittings.

To loan.



January 2026

Magnet wire. Take a few hundred feet?

Free.



Variable caps. Free.



Frequency counter.

To loan.



Hole punch.

To loan.



January 2026

Tripod, free.



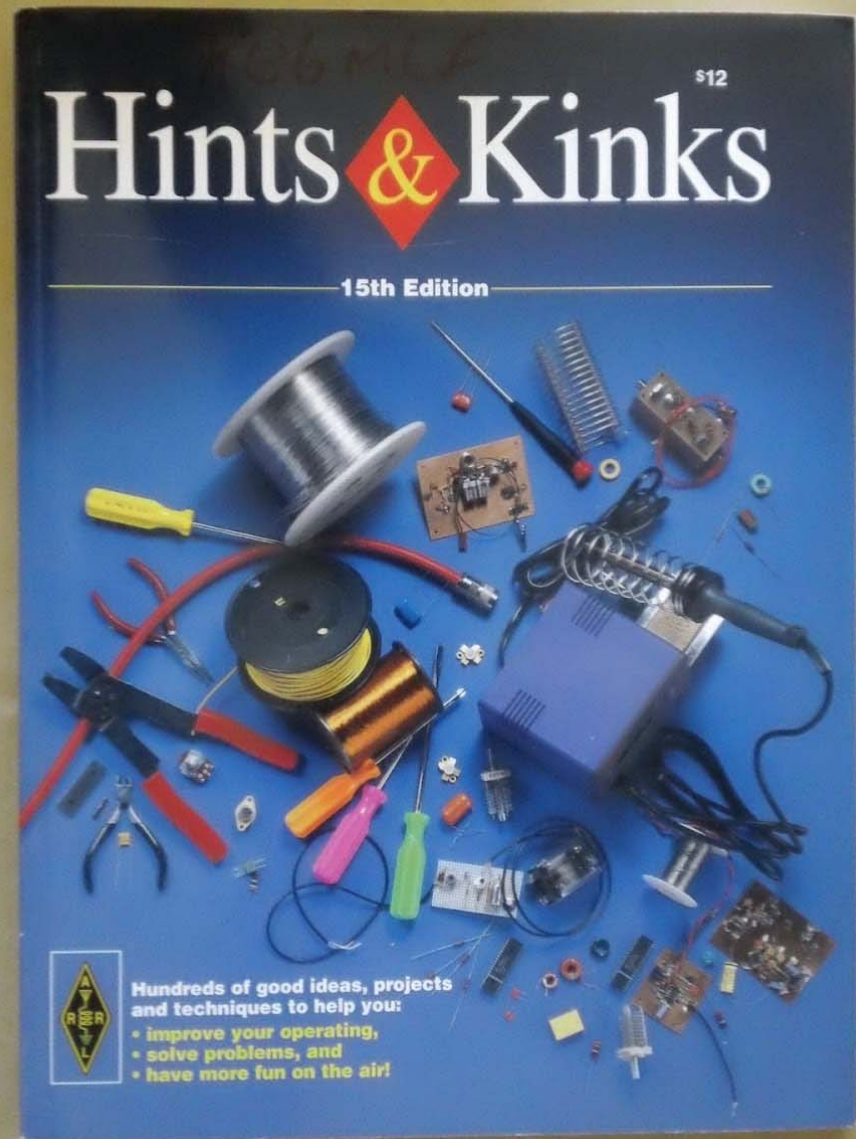
January 2026

Lots of antenna books for loan.



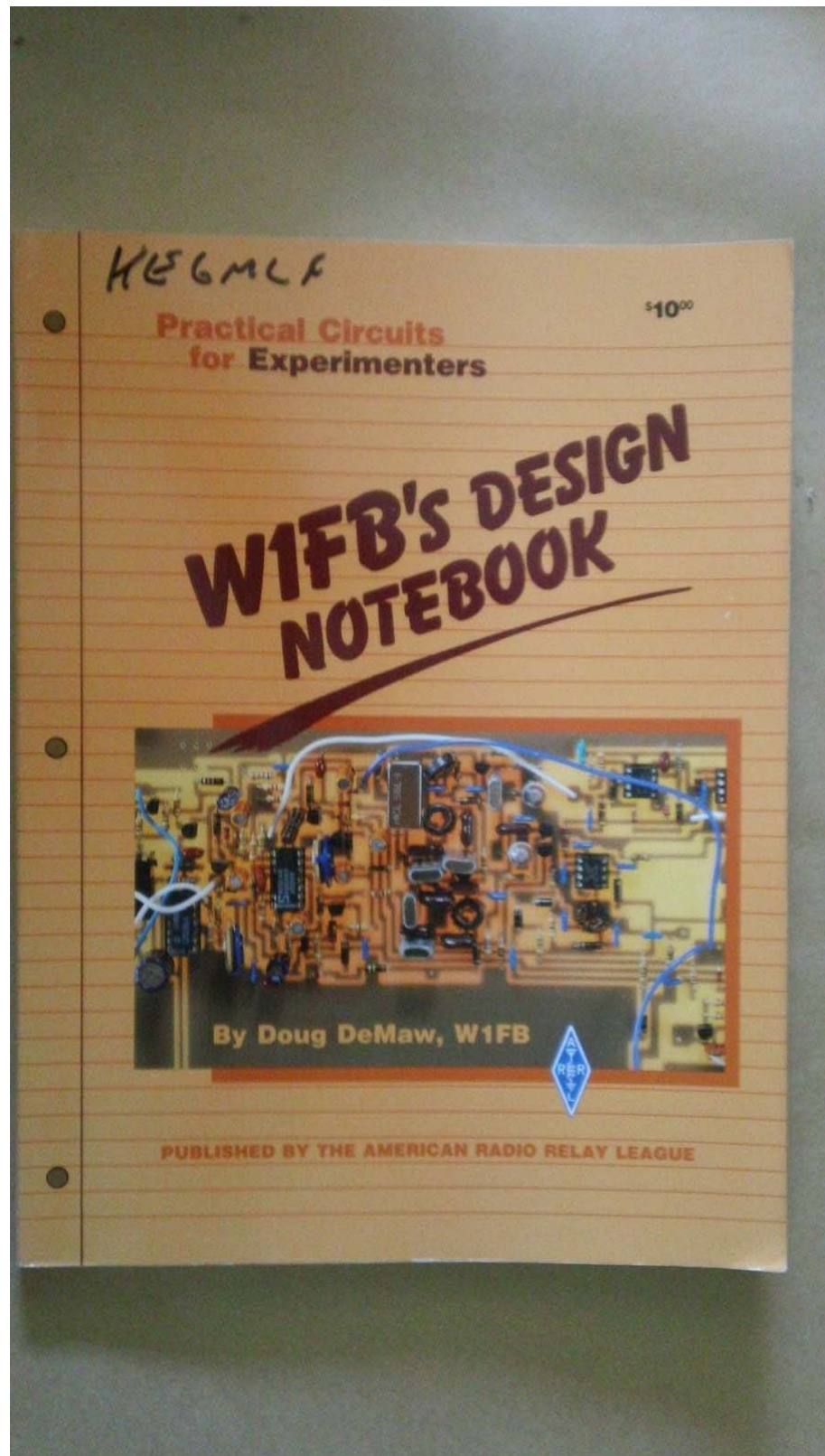
January 2026

Care to borrow some late
night reading?



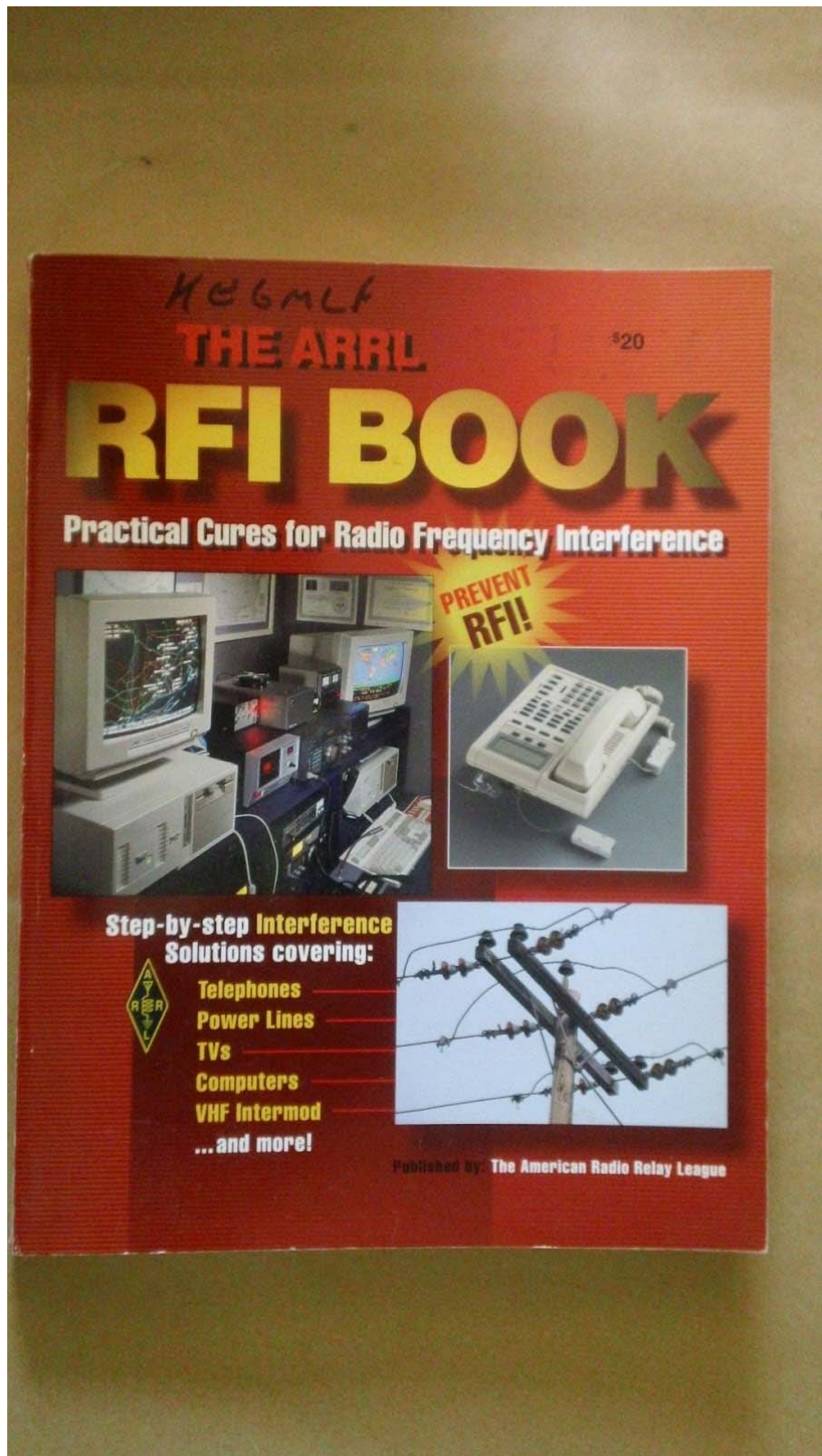
January 2026

Got a few more books
that can give you ideas or
maybe some help.



January 2026

Got RF problems? This book gives some good tips and help.

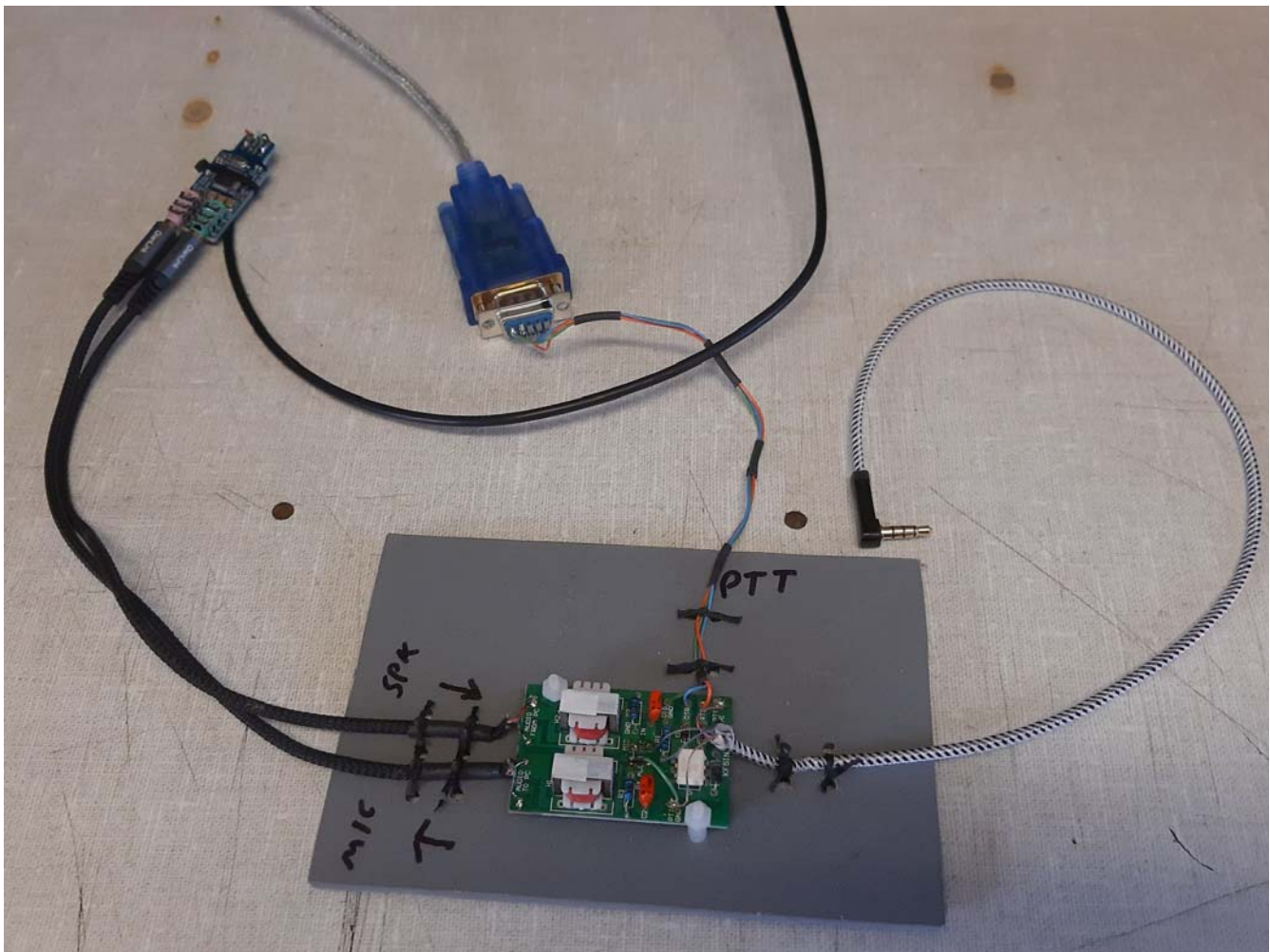


January 2026

On the Workbench by Eric KE6MLF

Still working on getting more digital modes to work. One continuing problem is moving stuff on to the workbench, then off, as other things keep cropping up. Moving stuff makes wires break and connectors come loose. The solution is to hard mount the parts to a temporary surface. Strain reliefs, labels, and little rubber feet on the bottom to keep the “breadboard” from sliding around.

My current problem is the white and black striped wire. This tip, ring, ring, sleeve (TRSS) connector plugs on the back of the radios and has speaker, microphone, push to talk, and ground. Cables purchased off of Amazon have such tiny wires that are coated in some stuff that does not want to come off, or wires so fine that they melt in solder. I think an order to a proper electronics supply such as Digikey or Mouser with 1/8” 4-pole connectors is in the making.



January 2026

Internet Resources

simisettlers.org - us!

cvarc.org - Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club

k6mep.org - Ventura County Amateur Radio Club

vcars.org - Ventura County Amateur Radio Society

pvarc.club - The home of many of the counties repeaters

arednmesh.org - Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network

vccomm.org - Ventura County ACS / ARES

www.arrl.org - American Radio Relay League

archive.org/details/simi-settlers-arc - Our old newsletters!

qrz.com - forums, for sale, articles - **Create your profile here!**

eham.net - forums, for sale, articles (kind of a zombie site)

www.theborednet.net - a local bulletin board including net schedules and **stuff** for sale!

Under the **groups.io** banner (a free account is required):

groups.io/g/SimiSettlers/messages - A great place to post

groups.io/g/SIMI-VALLEY-HAMMESHNET/messages

vc-acs.groups.io/g/main/messages

vc-acs.groups.io/g/area-1/messages

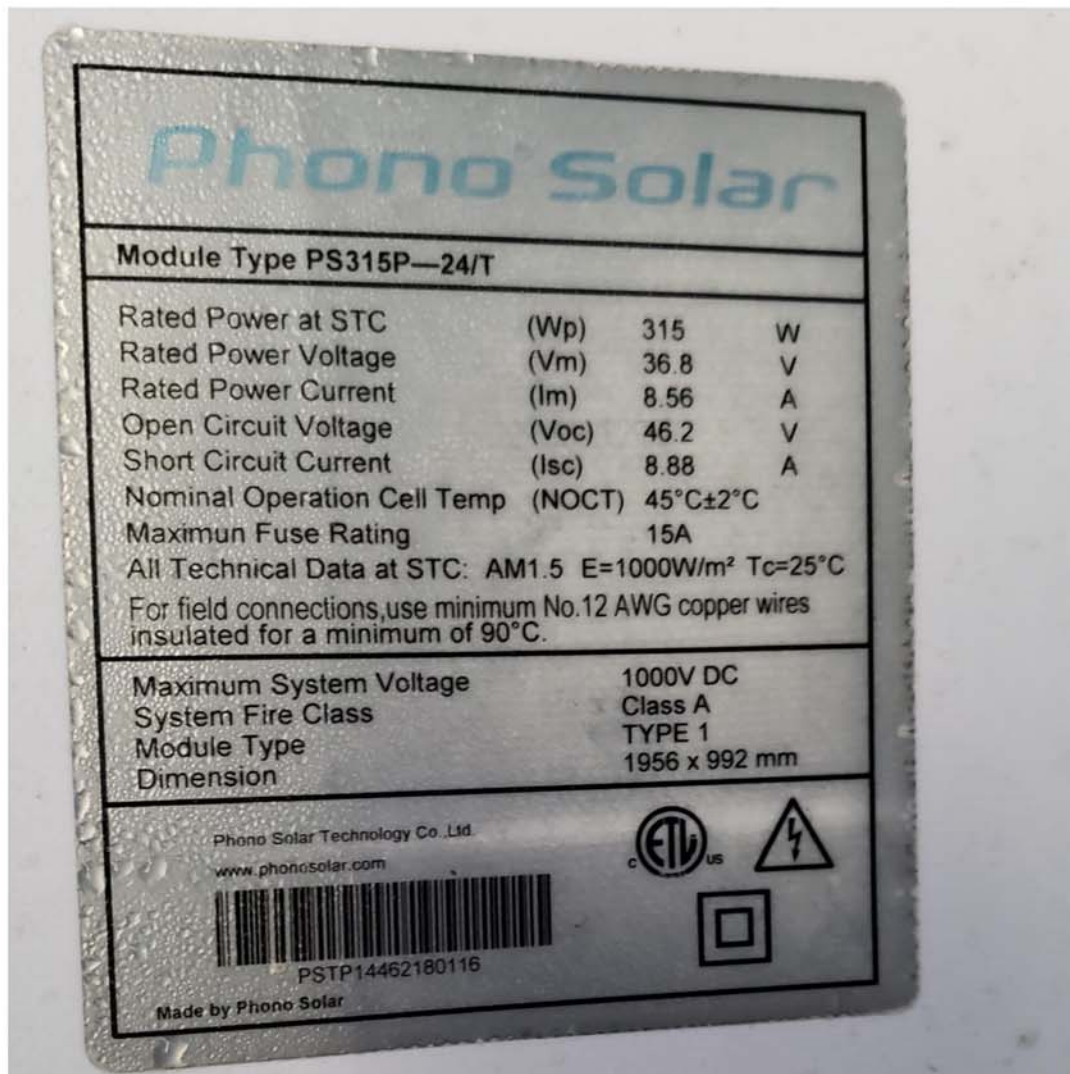
SSARC Marketplace

This section of the newsletter is for Simi Settler club members to post various used or previously owned items for sale that they may no longer have a need or use of. Please submit a brief description of the sale items (along with a photo if possible) and suggested price to Eric Oberg KE6MLF, the newsletter editor, at least two days before newsletter publication. It is suggested that a portion of each sale be donated to the SSARC treasury to help support the club's several activities. The term "OBO" means "Or Best Offer" and serves only as a starting point in negotiating a fair price.

.....

From Orv W6BI

For Sale - 315 watt solar panels - \$50 each. Lightly-used prior to being taken out of service. Four available. Funds will be directed towards Simi Valley repeater maintenance



LAFAYETTE RADIO MODEL TE-50 TUBE TESTER



This portable tube tester from Lafayette Radio is perfect for testing vacuum tubes from classic radios and television receivers sold back in the day. It has eight tube sockets capable of testing standard Octal, Loctal, 7-pin miniature, 9-pin miniature types as well as well as 9- and 12-pin Compactron tubes and nuvistor tubes that were popular back in the 1950's and 1960's. Tests include leakage, shorts and tube emission (e.g.- gain or μ -measurements). The tester includes a slide-out chart drawer plus supplemental charts for newer-type tubes listing the required selector switch and slide switch settings for each tube under test including a test clip for testing tubes with high-voltage anode top caps such as those used for horizontal sweep circuits of earlier televisions. Similar Lafayette Model TE-50 Tube Testers are listed on E-Bay for \$99.99 or more.

Condition: Very Good Price: \$5 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

January 2026

From Glenn WA6GNB

GrandStream # 1620/1625 telephone for sale. New – still in the original box. Compatible with our MESH system. \$30.00 Contact Glen at gnb.2112@yahoo.com

January 2026

From Joe W6JWP

Ender 3 v1 3D FDM Printer

Modified for direct drive.

Upgraded flexible magnetic steel bed. Includes a spare textured steel bed.

Good basic machine

\$75.00 or best offer.



Contact joe.w6jwp@gmail.com

January 2026

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Web Page: <http://www.simisetters.org/index.htm>
 Simi Settlers' ARC Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC>
 Mail: P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, CA 93062-2125

Simi Settlers' Leadership				
President	Brian Hernandez	KM6MIN	(805) 813-7595	km6min_bh@yahoo.com
Vice President	Matt Kaufman	N3AR	(818) 425-0920	matt.d.kaufman@gmail.com
Secretary	Ron Nelson	K6RIN	(805) 797-6315	rnelson759@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer	Matt Griffin	KN6SEC	(661) 361-5955	mgriffi79@yahoo.com
Committee Chairpersons				
Webmaster	Matt Griffin	KN6SEC	(661) 361-5955	mgriffi79@yahoo.com
Newsletter	Eric Oberg	KE6MLF	(805) 791-0745	ericoberg1@gmail.com
Membership	Jim Parker	KJ6LXJ	(805) 368-6745	kj6lxj@gmail.com
PIO	VACANT			
Raffle Prizes	Matt Griffin	KN6SEC	(805) 433-4513	mgriffi79@yahoo.com
Youth Coordinator	VACANT			
Historian	Mike Tweedy	KV6I	(805) 231-9683	mtweedy@roadrunner.com
Net Coordinator	Brian Hernandez	KM6MIN	(805) 813-7595	km6min_bh@yahoo.com
Food Services	VACANT			
Room Coordinator	VACANT			
Elmers and Members at Large				
Past-President	Bill Woods	AB6BW	(818) 694-9019	AB6BW1@gmail.com
Advisor	Bill Everett	KI6KSV		ki6ksv@gmail.com
Advisor Morse Code	John Percival	WI6O		johnspercival1@gmail.com
Advisor Mesh	Orv Beach	W6BI		orv.beach@gmail.com

January 2026

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, Ca 93062-2125 --- (www.simisetters.org)

Membership Application



Type of Application:

New Member ☐ ☐
Renewal ☐ ☐

Type of Membership:

Individual (\$25/yr) ☐ ☐
Family (\$30/yr) ☐ ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____

(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Alt. Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Additional Family Members:

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____

(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____

(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____

(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐

Badges requested: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐ How many? _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

Shirt Printing: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐ How many? _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____ (Self Supplied Polo Shirt, no emblem or pocket)

Hats Requested: Yes ☐ ☐ No ☐ ☐ How many? _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Application type: New ☐ ☐ Renewal ☐ ☐ Membership type: Individual ☐ ☐ Family ☐ ☐

Date Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Database completed: _____

Badges and Shirts ordered: _____

January 2026